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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR CHARGE

REF; STATE 202267

1. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES DISCUSSED IN
REF MESSAGE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND REVISION
NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6.

I. IMPROVE THE CURRENT STRAINED RELATIONSHIP.

-- CONVINCE THE MALAGASY THAT THEY MUST HELP TO RESOLVE
THE OUTSTANDING DISPUTES WITH US (NASA STATION, OIL FIRMS'
EXPROPRIATION, NEEDLESS HARASSMENT OF PRIVATE AMERICANS) SO
THAT RELATIONS MAY BE NORMALIZED.

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-- CONTINUE OUR ACTIVE CULTURAL PROGRAM TO DEMONSTRATE
THAT THERE IS A SOUND BASIS FOR GOOD RELATIONS DESPITE THE
PRESENT SITUATION WHICH NOW EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

II. DENIAL OF MADAGASCAR'S AIRFIELDS AND PORTS TO HOSTILE
MILITARY FORCES.

-- CONVINCE MADAGASCAR THAT ITS NONALIGNED "TOUS
AZIMUTHS" POLICY IS IN ITS OWN BEST INTERESTS AND DISCOURAGE

IT FROM FURTHER MOVES TO ALIGN ITSELF WITH COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES AND POLICIES.

-- MAKE CLEAR THAT WE SHARE THE MALAGASY DESIRE TO
DENY TO SUPER-POWERS USE OF MALAGASY MILITARY FACILITIES.

-- SUGGEST TO MADAGASCAR THAT ITS INCREASING POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES WITH COMMUNIST NATIONS, MATCHED
BY LOOSENED WESTERN TIES, COULD LEAD TO DANGEROUSLY CLOSE
DEPENDENCE ON COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND SERIOUSLY THREATEN
MALAGASY NEUTRALITY. VANCE

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